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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	:	Patent
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Michael KAMLEITER et al.	:	
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Serial No. 10/582,349	:	
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Filed: June 9, 2006	:	
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCTION	:	
OF TUBULAR MEMBRANES	:	

DECLARATION OF MARTIN BARTELS

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Dip.-Ing. Martin Bartels of Bartels & Partner, Lange Strasse 51, D-70174 Stuttgart,

Germany, states :

1. He has been retained to prosecute the above-identified application with U.S. counsel.
2. In connection with arranging execution of the application, he was advised that the inventors and Managing directors of Poromedia GmbH, Michael Kamleiter and Wilhelm-N. Gudernatsch, are retired from Poromedia GmbH in view of severer mental illness. X-Flow B.V., the successor in interest of Poromedia GmbH, wishes to pursue their patent applications. According to the contracts of employment (Exhibits I and II) both inventors are obliged to assign her inventions to Poromedia GmbH without receiving therefor any additional compensation sum.
3. His wife, Edith Gudernatsch as legal representative of Mr. Gudernatsch, has undersigned the necessary assignment and power of attorney form (Exhibit III). Edith


Gudernatsch is validly installed as legal representative as stated by the declaration of the Stuttgart court dealing with guardianship matters (Exhibit IV).

4. In view of his permanent and remaining mental illness, Mr. Kamleiter is represented by attorney-at-law Mr. Robert Dorr with seat: Forststrasse 16 in D-89555 Steinheim a.A. Mr. Dorr as legal representative of Mr. Kamleiter will only undersign the necessary assignment document and power of attorney form in the case that X-Flow B.V. will pay a compensation sum of at least EUR 50,000 to Mr. Kamleiter. This approach of Mr. Dorr is a severe break of the contract (Dienstvertrag) between Mr. Kamleiter and Poromedia (Exhibit Nr. II) in view of content of §11 referring to the Kamleiter inventor right (Dienstverfindung) stating that all inventions of Mr. Kamleiter are in the responsibility and ownership of Poromedia GmbH without any monetary compensation for that assignment.

In summary, Mr. Dorr is unwilling to undersign the necessary documents in the favor of X-Flow B.V. (Poromedia GmbH).

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,



Martin Bartels

Dated: 24.7.07, 2007